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Remarks:

In the Office action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 25, 2006, claims 58-81 were identified as pending, with claims 65, 66, 73,75, and 81 withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected species.

35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st ¶ and 2nd ¶

According to the Office Action, claims 58-64, 67-72, 74, and 76-80 were rejects as allegedly failing to comply with the written description and enablement requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. To facilitate allowance of the pending claims, without conceding the § 112 rejections, Applicants hereby limit the pending claims to the Alzheimer's as the disease indication and the compounds of Formula I as the agent, obviating the each of the 112 rejections. Applicants reserve the right to pursue withdrawn subject matter in subsequent applications.

35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action alleges that claims 58-64, 67-72, 74, and 76-80 obvious in view of Wu et al. (J. Clin. Invest., 1997, Vol. 100, polypeptide 1804-1812). (Office Action at page 8.) Each of pending claims 58-61, 63-71, 73-76, and 78-81 recite compounds of Formula I, which are neither taught or nor suggested by Wu. Accordingly, Applicants submit that each of the pending claims is patentable in view of Wu.

Conclusion

In view of the forgoing amendments to the claims and remarks, Applicants submit that pending claims 58-61, 63-71, 73-76, and 78-81 are in condition for allowance.

Applicants do not believe that any extension of time is required to enter the current paper, if however, and any extension of time is required, Applicants hereby petition for any necessary extension of time and authorize the

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Commissioner of Patents to charge any required fee to Applicants' Deposit Account No. 07-0868.

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